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Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006. Amended claims 2 and 3 and new claims 6 and 7 are present for consideration.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected as indefinite for claiming both an apparatus and a method step of using it (MPEP 2173.05(p)). However, the language in these claims simply recite the function of a remote-sense pressure regulator as it interacts in the claimed combination. As such, it is here asserted that the language of claims 2 and 3 "precisely define present structural attributes of interrelated component parts of the claimed assembly" as is permitted in 2173.05(g) and the Federal Circuit case cited therein. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the -112 rejection of claims 2 and 3 is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 7 are presented with "means for" language in the last paragraph; applicants are allowed to claim the invention in a reasonable number of ways. Examination and allowance of claims 6 and 7 over the -112 rejection is hereby requested.

1,2. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected as obvious over Suzuki in view of Kashiwagi. Claims 2 and 3, however, avoid the necessity of utilizing a controller in a constant controlling fashion, thereby simplifying the apparatus and providing the same function as Suzuki in a much simpler fashion. Obviating the need for a controller in order to perform the functions performed by the apparatus of claims 2 and 3 without eliminating the function that is performed is one indication of non-obviousness. MPEP 2144.04 II B. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2 and 3 over the references is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 6 and 7 recite the same relationships, perhaps more broadly. However, examination and allowance of claims 6 and 7 over the references is respectfully requested.

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Should the foregoing Amendment and Remarks not be deemed to fully resolve all issues, a telephone call will be appreciated.

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